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The data contained in this bulletin are revised yearly.

TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1986

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MARCH 1986	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	MARCH 1985
Total civilian labor force[a]	13,250	13,187	12,966	12,949
Total civilian employment	12,338	12,232	12,211	12,033
Total unemployment	912	955	755	916
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.9	7.2	5.8	7.1
Range[b]	6.2–7.6	6.5–7.9	5.1–6.5	6.4–7.8
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.2	7.3	6.7	7.3
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	13,184	13,119	12,951	12,878
Total civilian employment	12,241	12,105	12,102	11,932
Total unemployment	942	1,013	849	946
Unadjusted rate (percent)	7.1	7.7	6.6	7.3
Range[b]	6.4–7.8	7.0–8.4	5.9–7.3	6.6–8.0

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 7.2 percent in February 1986 to 6.9 percent in March 1986. A year ago, in March 1985, the rate was 7.1 percent. During March 1986, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 106,000 while the number of unemployed persons declined by 43,000. Over the year, since March 1985, seasonally adjusted employment has increased by 305,000 persons while unemployment has decreased by 4,000.

During March 1986, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased to 11,135,000, a net gain of 62,500 since the February 1986 survey. All industry divisions, except mining and construction, posted job gains over the month. The largest numerical gain was reported by the services sector which added 28,000 new jobs during March 1986. Over the year, the largest percentage increase in employment, 5.7 percent, was in the finance, insurance and real estate industries. During the last 12 months, total employment has increased by 304,900 for a growth rate of 2.8 percent.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MARCH 1986	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	MARCH 1985
Total				
Labor Force	13,184	13,119	12,951	12,878
Employed	12,241	12,105	12,102	11,932
Unemployed	942	1,013	849	946
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.7	6.6	7.3
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,068	7,002	6,924	6,866
Employed	6,630	6,490	6,510	6,402
Unemployed	438	512	414	464
Unemployment Rate	6.2	7.3	6.0	6.8
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,347	5,378	5,288	5,292
Employed	4,985	5,024	4,984	4,941
Unemployed	361	354	304	350
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.6	5.8	6.6
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	769	739	739	720
Employed	626	592	609	588
Unemployed	143	147	130	132
Unemployment Rate	18.6	19.9	17.6	18.3
White				
Labor Force	11,275	11,189	11,019	11,015
Employed	10,500	10,340	10,331	10,255
Unemployed	776	849	689	759
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.6	6.2	6.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,909	1,930	1,932	1,864
Employed	1,741	1,766	1,771	1,676
Unemployed	166	164	161	187
Unemployment Rate	8.7	8.5	8.3	10.1

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
California	$409.37	$413.43	$397.20	39.9	40.1	39.8	$10.26	$10.31	$9.98

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR MARCH PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH MARCH 86	PREVIOUS MONTH FEBRUARY 86	YEAR AGO MARCH 85	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	11,135.0	11,072.5	10,830.1	62.5	304.9	0.6	2.8
Mining	48.7	49.2	50.0	−0.5	−1.3	−1.0	−2.6
Metal Mining	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	40.3	40.7	41.4	−0.4	−1.1	−1.0	−2.7
Nonmetal Mining	6.7	6.8	6.9	−0.1	−0.2	−1.5	−2.9
Construction	463.0	467.4	460.7	−4.4	2.3	−0.9	0.5
General Building Contractors	122.5	123.3	120.6	−0.8	1.9	−0.6	1.6
Heavy Construction	59.6	61.9	61.6	−2.3	−2.0	−3.7	−3.2
Special Trade Contractors	280.9	282.2	278.5	−1.3	2.4	−0.5	0.9
Manufacturing	2,089.0	2,078.7	2,074.3	10.3	14.7	0.5	0.7
Nondurable Goods	635.5	628.4	628.6	7.1	6.9	1.1	1.1
Durable Goods	1,453.5	1,450.3	1,445.7	3.2	7.8	0.2	0.5
Food and Kindred	159.4	157.4	159.5	2.0	−0.1	1.3	−0.1
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	4.2	4.4	5.0	−0.2	−0.8	−4.5	−16.0
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	42.1	41.1	42.3	1.0	−0.2	2.4	−0.5
Other Food and Kindred Products	113.1	111.9	112.2	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.8
Textile Mill Products	13.6	13.7	13.4	−0.1	0.2	−0.7	1.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	113.4	110.4	110.8	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.3
Paper and Allied Products	40.8	40.5	39.9	0.3	0.9	0.7	2.3
Printing and Publishing	142.7	141.6	138.3	1.1	4.4	0.8	3.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.8	63.6	63.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.1	28.3	29.4	−0.2	−1.3	−0.7	−4.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	66.5	65.8	66.3	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.3
Leather and Leather Products	7.2	7.1	7.5	0.1	−0.3	1.4	−4.0
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	56.6	56.1	51.6	0.5	5.0	0.9	9.7
Furniture and Fixtures	61.0	60.4	59.6	0.6	1.4	1.0	2.3
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.3	50.5	50.0	−0.2	0.3	−0.4	0.6
Primary Metal Industries	41.3	41.2	42.2	0.1	−0.9	0.2	−2.1
Fabricated Metal Products	147.0	146.6	146.1	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.6
Machinery except Electrical	223.0	223.4	235.7	−0.4	−12.7	−0.2	−5.4
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	420.0	419.6	420.2	0.4	−0.2	0.1	−0.0
Transportation Equipment	307.4	305.7	290.5	1.7	16.9	0.6	5.8
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	36.5	35.8	34.5	0.7	2.0	2.0	5.8
Aircraft and Parts	162.2	162.0	149.4	0.2	12.8	0.1	8.6
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.1	16.8	17.8	0.3	−0.7	1.8	−3.9
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	79.4	79.1	77.5	0.3	1.9	0.4	2.5
Other Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.0	11.3	0.2	0.9	1.7	8.0
Instruments and Related Products	112.0	112.1	114.5	−0.1	−2.5	−0.1	−2.2
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	34.9	34.7	35.3	0.2	−0.4	0.6	−1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	561.3	558.8	555.8	2.5	5.5	0.4	1.0
Transportation	317.4	315.4	306.4	2.0	11.0	0.6	3.6
Railroads	23.2	23.4	23.7	−0.2	−0.5	−0.9	−2.1
Trucking and Warehousing	128.1	126.8	124.9	1.3	3.2	1.0	2.6
Other Transportation	166.1	165.2	157.8	0.9	8.3	0.5	5.3
Communications	162.0	161.6	169.7	0.4	−7.7	0.2	−4.5
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	81.9	81.8	79.7	0.1	2.2	0.1	2.8
Wholesale Trade	682.2	677.4	666.3	4.8	15.9	0.7	2.4
Retail Trade	1,967.8	1,960.3	1,897.8	7.5	70.2	0.4	3.7
General Merchandise Stores	236.5	240.1	232.7	−3.6	3.8	−1.5	1.6
Food Stores	276.6	275.5	266.3	1.1	10.3	0.4	3.9
Other Retail Trade	1,454.7	1,444.7	1,398.6	10.0	56.1	0.7	4.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	752.7	748.9	712.0	3.8	40.7	0.5	5.7
Finance	364.9	363.8	348.4	1.1	16.5	0.3	4.7
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	197.2	196.4	190.3	0.8	6.9	0.4	3.6
Real Estate	169.7	167.9	153.7	1.8	16.0	1.1	10.4
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	20.9	20.8	19.6	0.1	1.3	0.5	6.6
Services	2,707.6	2,679.6	2,605.1	28.0	102.5	1.0	3.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	141.1	138.9	141.3	2.2	−0.2	1.6	−0.1
Personal Services	127.7	126.8	116.6	0.9	11.1	0.7	9.5
Business Services	649.5	642.5	624.8	7.0	24.7	1.1	4.0
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	167.1	165.1	161.4	2.0	5.7	1.2	3.5
Motion Pictures	78.3	72.8	79.4	5.5	−1.1	7.6	−1.4
Amusement and Recreation Services	111.8	108.5	107.4	3.3	4.4	3.0	4.1
Health Services	664.7	662.7	638.4	2.0	26.3	0.3	4.1
Other Services	767.4	762.3	735.8	5.1	31.6	0.7	4.3
Government	1,862.7	1,852.2	1,808.3	10.5	54.4	0.6	3.0
Federal Government	347.8	346.5	337.4	1.3	10.4	0.4	3.1
State and Local Governments	1,514.9	1,505.7	1,470.9	9.2	44.0	0.6	3.0
County	234.3	233.0	226.5	1.3	7.8	0.6	3.4
City	198.6	197.9	192.8	0.7	5.8	0.4	3.0
Education	808.6	802.1	783.1	6.5	25.5	0.8	3.3
Education State	154.5	153.1	151.7	1.4	2.8	0.9	1.8
Education Local	654.1	649.0	631.4	5.1	22.7	0.8	3.6
Other State and Local	273.4	272.7	268.5	0.7	4.9	0.3	1.8
State exc ed	177.6	177.5	175.6	0.1	2.0	0.1	1.1
Special District	95.8	95.2	92.9	0.6	2.9	0.6	3.1
Total Agriculture	240.0	253.8	261.2	−13.8	−21.2	−5.4	−8.1

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
FEBRUARY 1986

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	13,118,700	12,105,300	1,013,400	7.7
Alameda	631,500	587,450	44,050	7.0
Alpine	825	800	25	4.0
Amador	8,600	7,600	1,000	11.6
Butte	68,700	59,950	8,750	12.7
Calaveras	10,025	8,675	1,350	13.4
Colusa	7,250	5,600	1,650	22.9
Contra Costa	373,175	349,450	23,725	6.4
Del Norte	7,050	5,850	1,200	17.1
El Dorado	51,800	47,600	4,200	8.1
Fresno	279,900	234,800	45,100	16.1
Glenn	10,675	8,900	1,775	16.7
Humboldt	47,600	41,575	6,025	12.7
Imperial	39,900	31,200	8,700	21.8
Inyo	9,650	9,000	650	6.7
Kern	218,600	189,200	29,400	13.4
Kings	33,625	28,575	5,050	15.0
Lake	16,650	13,925	2,725	16.3
Lassen	9,125	7,675	1,450	15.9
Los Angeles	4,037,000	3,748,000	289,000	7.2
Madera	33,825	28,850	4,975	14.7
Marin	125,075	119,825	5,250	4.2
Mariposa	6,175	5,450	725	11.8
Mendocino	32,225	27,600	4,625	14.4
Merced	68,850	56,600	12,250	17.8
Modoc	4,175	3,575	600	14.6
Mono	4,800	4,500	300	6.4
Monterey	148,200	126,400	21,800	14.7
Napa	46,625	43,000	3,625	7.8
Nevada	27,275	24,625	2,650	9.7
Orange	1,211,300	1,157,800	53,500	4.4
Placer	69,300	64,100	5,200	7.5
Plumas	8,200	6,475	1,725	21.1
Riverside	346,800	319,400	27,400	7.9
Sacramento	449,300	417,200	32,100	7.1
San Benito	14,675	11,725	2,950	20.2
San Bernardino	455,200	424,800	30,400	6.7
San Diego	983,200	931,900	51,300	5.2
San Francisco	404,975	380,975	24,000	5.9
San Joaquin	181,700	154,400	27,300	15.0
San Luis Obispo	87,350	82,000	5,350	6.1
San Mateo	338,200	323,350	14,850	4.4
Santa Barbara	171,600	161,000	10,600	6.2
Santa Clara	818,100	762,900	55,200	6.7
Santa Cruz	115,900	103,200	12,700	11.0
Shasta	52,800	44,125	8,675	16.4
Sierra	1,425	1,150	275	19.5
Siskiyou	17,950	14,450	3,500	19.5
Solano	122,000	112,000	10,000	8.2
Sonoma	173,200	160,000	13,200	7.6
Stanislaus	144,500	118,900	25,600	17.7
Sutter	23,600	17,975	5,625	23.8
Tehama	18,025	15,600	2,425	13.5
Trinity	5,350	4,200	1,150	21.5
Tulare	128,850	109,800	19,050	14.8
Tuolumne	16,025	13,875	2,150	13.4
Ventura	314,100	290,900	23,200	7.4
Yolo	66,800	58,100	7,700	11.7
Yuba	20,150	16,575	3,575	17.7

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted. Imperial County estimates are lower beginning with the January 1986 report due to a change in the method of estimating unemployment.